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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending application, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed except for pending application. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.

2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth below.

3. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

(a) Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National stage.

(b) Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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- 1) A certification is given below, or
- 2) Enclosed is a check covering the fee (\$240.00) set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for consideration of this Statement, or
- 3) Charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) to Our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

(d) After the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Petition hereby is made for consideration of this Statement and the required certification is indicated below.

- 1) Enclosed is a check covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1) \$130.00, or
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(b) The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the undersigned's knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Statement.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, fees underpaid, or credit any overpayment with regard to this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

6. Concise Explanation (if needed):

- (1) Below is a Concise Statement of Relevance of enclosed non-English language document(s).

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DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patents

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Foreign Patents

German Patent
DE 297 06 246 U1

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Japanese Abstract 6-249215 (A)

Relevancy

See Attached U.S. 6,056,313

See Attached U.S. 5,833,263

See Attached British 1,307,584

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